

On March 23, 2010, President Obama defied the wishes of the American people and signed ObamaCare into law. At the time, supporters of the unconstitutional law claimed that Americans would warm up to ObamaCare as they began to realize what was in it. This claim was unlikely then, and recent polling indicates that it is completely without merit now.

In fact, as Americans have had a chance to learn more about ObamaCare over the past year, their opposition to the law has grown. In a recent Rasmussen Reports poll of likely voters, 62 percent favored repealing the entire law. This is the highest total recorded in favor of repeal in the last ten months.

Even more significant is the number of likely voters who indicated that they "strongly favored" repeal. A majority of likely voters polled, 51 percent, fell into this category. This is the highest percentage measured in this category to date.

The lesson derived from these results? Americans increasingly favor repeal, and their position on this matter is hardening. Certainly, the facts that ObamaCare has been declared unconstitutional by two federal judges, that the law includes \$105.5 billion in quietly inserted automatic appropriations, and that ObamaCare will cost \$2.7 trillion to implement over the next ten years, contribute to its rejection by Americans.

With so many Americans wanting ObamaCare repealed, the time to force the issue is now. In order to ensure that ObamaCare gets pulled out of the U.S.Code by its roots, my strategy encompasses both repealing and defunding the law.

On the first front, repealing the law, repeal supporters have had significant success. I introduced language to fully repeal ObamaCare ³as if such act had not been enacted,² and this language was utilized by House leadership as the basis for H.R. 2, the ObamaCare repeal bill that passed the House in January.

It is the second front, defunding ObamaCare, where the battle is being waged now. During the debate and passage of H.R. 1, the continuing resolution providing funding for all government operations for the duration of the fiscal year, the House adopted nine amendments (including

two King amendments) that prohibit federal funding for ObamaCare's implementation.

In addition, I offered an amendment designed to reach back into ObamaCare itself and block the \$105.5 billion in automatic funding that the Pelosi-Reid-Obama troika quietly included in the law. It makes no sense to allow any federal funds to flow to a law that has been declared unconstitutional. Although my amendment was blocked from an up-or-down vote on procedural grounds, I am continuing to work to get it included in future continuing resolutions. In fact, I have voted against two recent short-term CR extensions that failed to include language blocking ObamaCare's automatic funding.

The American public wants leadership on this issue, and I believe they will back ObamaCare opponents if the President has the audacity to veto all spending in order to preserve his signature act. If we attached my amendment blocking ObamaCare's \$105.5 billion in automatic funding to the continuing resolution, President Obama would face a choice: side with the American people and agree to defund ObamaCare, or unilaterally shut down the government as leverage to protect his namesake law. If he chose the latter course of action, I believe the American public would hold him accountable for that decision and would elect a President in 2012 who would happily sign an ObamaCare repeal bill.

On the first anniversary of the passage of ObamaCare, it is clear that Americans more than ever want this law repealed. I have not rested from this mission for the last 18 months. I will keep my intensity up as long as necessary to put an end to this unconstitutional taking of American Liberty.

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